

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-13 remain in the application. Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 16-18 are new.

2. Claims 16-18 have been added to clearly describe important aspects of the invention. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification, for example, on page 11, lines 8-34.


3. Applicants respectfully submit that that the new claims require no additional search or examination because they depend from allowed independent claim 13.

4. Applicants further submit that the new claims are patentable at least because of their dependency.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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